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TAGS: PINT, AR (BRUERA, RICARDO P.)

SUBJECT: BIO INFORMATION ON MINISTER OF EDUCATION

1. MINISTER BRUERA IS ONE OF TWO CIVILIANS APPOINTED TO THE NATIONAL CABINET (THE OTHER BEING ECONOMY MINISTER MARTINEZ DE HOZ), AND, AT AGE 43, HE IS ITS YOUNGEST MEMBER. BRUERA'S APPOINTMENT WAS SURPRISING SINCE HE HAD SERVED BRIEFLY AS AN AIDE OR ADVISOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER JUAN CARLOS PUIG DURING THE LATTER'S BRIEF WEEKS AS MINISTER UNDER THE CAMPORA GOVERNMENT. BRUERA HIMSELF, HOWEVER, IS SAID TO HAVE MODERATE TO CONSERVATIVE VIEWS.

2. BRUERA WAS APPOINTED TO ONE OF THE TWO CABINET POSTS ALLOTTED TO THE NAVY (THE OTHER, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, GOING TO ADMIRAL GUZZETTI). NOT SURPRISINGLY, THEREFORE, BRUERA IS REGARDED WITH SOME DISDAIN, IF NOT HOSTILITY, BY GENERAL VIDELA AND HIS ARMY COLLEAGUES IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY. INDEED, ONE MEMBER OF THAT OFFICE RECENTLY COMMENTED TO AN EMBOFF THAT BRUERA'S APPOINTMENT WAS "PROBABLY THE WORST MISTAKE MADE IN FORMING THE TOP RANKS OF GOVERNMENT AND ONE WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CORRECTED SOON." INTERESTINGLY, ALBERTO CONSTANTINI, THE RECENTLY NAMED RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES, WAS APPONTED OVER BRUERA'S OBJECTIONS-- AN INDICATION THAT THE LATTER'S POWER IS CIRCMMSCRIBED EVEN WITHIN HIS OWN BUREAUCRATIC PARAMETERS.

3. PROFESSOR BRUERA WAS BORN IN ROSARIO ON APRIL 10, 1932, AND GRADUATED AS A PROFESSOR OF LETTERS FROM THE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS AT ROSARIO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. HE IS
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CONSIDERED A SPECIALIST IN CONTEMPORARY EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC

POLICY AND HAS PUBLISHED NUMEROUS WORKS ON APPLIED EDUCATION BOTH IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN LATIN AMERICA. AS A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, HE HAS HELD VARIOUS CHAIRS IN GENERAL PEDAGOGY AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIOLOGY AT ROSARIO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, THE SUPERIOR INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY, LETTERS AND SCIENCE IN MONTEVIDEO AND TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTES IN ROSARIO AND BUENOS AIRES.

4. IN 1970 PROFESSOR BRUERA WAS APPOINTED EDUCATION AND CULTURE MINISTER OF SANTA FE PROVINCE BY FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL GUILLERMO SANCHEZ ALMEYRA. MINISTER UNTIL 1973, HE IMPLEMENTED THE EDUCATION REFORM INSTITUTED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, WHILE FAVORING A POLICY OF DECENTRALIZATION AND INTER-PROVINCIL COORDINATION OF THE ARGENTINE EDUCATION SYSTEM. HE HELPED FOUND AND LATER BECAME SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL AND HAS ALSO SERVED AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RADIOPHONIC EDUCATION.

5. AMBASSADOR HILL RECENTLY CALLED ON BRUERA AND FOUND HIM FRIENDLY AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES (HE EMPHASIZED HIS INTEREST IN MAINTAINING PRODUCTIVE CONTACTS WITH USIS), BUT NOT PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE. DESPITE BRUERA'S BACKGROUND IN EDUCATION, AMBASSADOR HILL FOUND HIM LITTLE CONVERSANT WITH THE SUBJECT. IN GENERAL, HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF A MAN WHO HAD LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF OR IN WHAT HE WAS DOING.

6. BRUERA IS MARRIED TO A FORMER TEACHER, NELLY RUTH SANZ. THEY HAVE THREE DAUGHTERS.
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